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## **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES NEW TREATMENT OF LONG-PENDING ANTENNA STRUCTURE REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

Effective immediately, any application for Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) that was not submitted with an Environmental Assessment (EA) and that has been pending for more than 10 months will be returned to applicant. If an applicant wishes to complete a returned application, it may resubmit the application within 60 days of having the application returned. An application will be dismissed if the applicant does not resubmit the application within this time period, and thereafter the applicant would need to file a new application. If an applicant does resubmit a returned application but fails to complete it, the application will be dismissed after an additional six months.

Under current Commission rules, registering an antenna structure is a two-part process.<sup>1</sup> First, the applicant provides the physical characteristics of the proposed antenna structure in order to provide environmental notice. Then, once the environmental notice process is complete, the applicant amends its application to provide the date the application went on local notice, to certify that the proposed antenna structure will have no significant effect on the environment, and to certify that the information contained in its application is true. Once these steps are completed, the ASR system grants the application and issues a registration number.

While most applicants promptly complete the second part of the process, a growing number of applications remain pending indefinitely. By dismissing older applications that are not awaiting any Commission action, we ensure that pending applications in the ASR system do not become stale. By establishing the time limits described above, we allow enough time for an applicant to complete the application under almost any circumstance if it wishes to do so.

In addition to establishing the foregoing process for applications submitted without EAs, on a case-by-case basis the agency will now consider returning long-pending applications for which EAs were submitted. Any pending application for which (1) the applicant has not provided the material necessary to complete the agency's environmental review, or (2) the applicant provided the necessary material and the agency issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), may be returned at any time after 24 months have elapsed since the original filing, with the applicant having 60 days to resubmit the application before it is dismissed. If an applicant does resubmit an application but nevertheless fails to provide the material necessary to complete environmental review or register the antenna structure despite the issuance of a FONSI, we may dismiss the application 12 months after the applicant has resubmitted it.

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<sup>1</sup> See FCC Form 854, 47 C.F.R. § 17.4(c).